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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment

Request; Leave Supplement to the American Time Use Survey

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Bureau of Labor

Statistics (BLS) sponsored information collection request (ICR) proposal titled, "Leave

Supplement to the American Time Use Survey," to the Office of Management and

Budget (OMB) for review and approval for use in accordance with the Paperwork

Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the RegInfo.gov Web site at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201607-1220-004 (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-BLS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov. Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210; or by email: DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

AUTHORITY: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR seeks PRA authority for the Leave Supplement to the American Time Use Survey (ATUS) information collection. The leave supplement includes questions about workers' access to and use of paid and unpaid leave, job flexibility, and their work schedules. Information collected in the supplement will be published as a public use data set to facilitate research on numerous topics, such as: the characteristics of people with paid and unpaid leave; occupations with the greatest and least access to paid leave; reasons workers are able to take leave from their jobs; how many workers have access to job flexibilities such as the ability to work from home or adjust their start and stop times; and the relationship between workers' time use and their access to job flexibilities. The supplement would survey eligible wage and salary workers aged 15-years and up from a nationally representative sample of approximately 2,060

sample households each month. The BLS Authorizing Statue authorizes this information collection. <u>See</u> 29 U.S.C. 1.

This proposed information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. For additional information, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on July 26, 2016 (81 FR 48850).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the <u>Federal Register</u>. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB ICR Reference Number 201607-1220-004. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
 - Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

• Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond,

including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other

technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g.,

permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: DOL-BLS.

<u>Title of Collection:</u> Leave Supplement to the American Time Use Survey.

OMB ICR Reference Number: 201607-1220-004.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,950.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 5,950.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 496 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

Dated: November 25, 2016.

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Departmental Clearance Officer.

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